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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE -- EARTH RESOURCE SENSING

CURRENT UN DOCUMENTATION INCLUDES "WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED BY MEXICO: MEXICAN EXPERIENCE IN DISSEMINATION AND UTILIZATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA", A/AC.105/C.1/WG.4/L.7, WHICH BEARS THE DATE 27 NOV 1973. INTRODUCTORY SECRETARIAT NOTE NOTES MEXICAN SUBMISSION RESPONDS TO REQUEST OF TASK FORCE ON DISSEMINATION AND UTILIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCES DATA AT 25 JUNE 1973 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. TEXT OF MEXICAN WORKING PAPER READS AS FOLLOWS:

"1. THE STATE OF MEXICO CONTROLS ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES TO BE EXPLORED, STUDIED OR EVALUATED, BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THOSE RESOURCES ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE NATION.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW AND NATIONAL LEGISLATION, MEXICO HAS THE RIGHT TO DISPOSE OF ALL DATA RELATING TO ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. IN THE CASE OF REMOTE SENSING BY SATELLITES, RESEARCH INTO RESOURCES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT FROM AN AREA OVER UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH NO STATE HAS SOVEREIGNTY. THE OBSERVER STATE

SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT SPACE OBSERVATION WITHOUT ANY FORM OF RESTRICTION, SINCE THAT WOULD ENCROACH UPON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE OBSERVED.

4. MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE BOUND BY THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE 1967 TREATY), IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO SPACE ACTIVITIES.

5. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TREATY, NO ACTION SHALL BE CARRIED OUT THAT MIGHT BE HARMFUL TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

6. THE DANGER OF REMOTE SENSING IN SPACE IS THAT SOME RESEARCH MAY NOT BE STRICTLY SCIENTIFIC, BUT USED FOR COMMERCIAL, MILITARY OR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE STATE BEING OBSERVED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE OBSERVER.

7. THE PRINCIPLE OF ABSOLUTE FREEDOM OF OBSERVATION OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE IS CONTRARY TO THE MEXICAN CONSTITUTION (ARTICLES 39, 41 AND 42), TO THE 1967 TREATY AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE, MEXICO CONSIDERS THAT:

(A) REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATELLITES SHOULD BE REGULATED IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THAT THE RESULTS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WILL BE APPLIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE STATES OBSERVED, ENSURING THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE ALL THE FINDINGS OBTAINED IN THEIR TERRITORY AND RESOURCES.

(B) THE PROPER REGULATION OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH BY SATELLITES MAY PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND THE PROGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND THAT WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NO SPACE TECHNOLOGY."  
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